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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is supplemental to the response submitted September 23, 1999 in response to the Official Action mailed March 23, 1999. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments, which put the present case in form for allowance.

AMENDMENTSIN THE CLAIMS

1. (Twice Amended) A DNA sequence comprising as operably joined components in the direction of transcription, a cotton fiber transcriptional factor functional in a cotton fiber cell and an open reading frame encoding a protein in a pigment biosynthesis pathway wherein said transcriptional factor is selected from [the] cotton 4-4 and [the] cotton *rac* promoter sequences and is obtained by the method of probing a genomic library derived from a plant fiber tissue with

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